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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

**LONDON.**—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus. E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry. E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

**NEW YORK.**—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

**AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.**—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

**SAN FRANCISCO** and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

**CHINA.**—SHEPHERD, GUTHRIE & CAMPBELL, 10, Broad Street, London. WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., 10, Broad Street, London. HEDDERLEY & Co., 10, Broad Street, London. CRAWFORD & Co., 10, Broad Street, London. WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., 10, Broad Street, London. HEDDERLEY & Co., 10, Broad Street, London. CRAWFORD & Co., 10, Broad Street, London.

## Auctions.

### GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.** will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, on **FRIDAY**, the 9th March, 1877, at Noon, an Invoice of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, Fashionable Perfumery in Cases, Toilet Soap, Cologne Water, Violet Powder, Table Cutlery, Corkscrews, Towels, Crystal Flower Stands, Japanese Toys, 12 cases Soda Crystals, 50 cases Gin, Cock mark, Sundry Stationery, Huntley and Palmer's Biscuits, Hair and Wire Tube Brushes.

An Invoice of R. Brown & Co.'s Paints, comprising: Red Paint, Black Paint, White Lead, and White Zinc.

**TERMS OF SALE.**—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 6, 1877. mcl9

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

### LAND AND PROPERTY.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.** have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

### SATURDAY,

the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the Premises (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),—

A Portion of that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170, and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the South side on the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the East side thereof on Peel Street, and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, on the West side thereof on Staveley Street and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 1817 square feet and is known as No. 3 Peel Street, together with the three-storyed TENEMENT or DWELLING HOUSE erected thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15.56.

**TERMS OF SALE.**—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to **LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers,** Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl0

## POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** Undersigned has received instructions from Rev. R. H. KIDD to sell by Public Auction, on **MONDAY**, the 12th day of March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m. (instead of the time previously advertised), at his Residence, Albany Road,—

The whole of his Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas, Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables, Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnops, Glass and Plated Ware, Crochery Ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Glass Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 10th March.

**TERMS OF SALE.**—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

**J. M. ARMSTRONG,** Auctioneer, Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl2

## Bank.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.  
RESERVE FUND, \$600,000 Dollars.

**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
Chairman—H. HOPKINS, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
AD. ANDER, Esq. A. MOLYER, Esq.  
E. R. BELLING, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.  
HON. W. KRAVICK, Esq. ED. TOBIN, Esq.

**CHIEF MANAGER.**  
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

### HONGKONG.

**INTEREST ALLOWED.**  
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
ON Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

**LOCAL BRANCH DISCOUNTED.**  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Office of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

**MR. FERDINAND NISSEN** has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

**MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST STEIN** has been authorized to sign for us by Proclamation. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

**SIEMSEN & Co.**  
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

### NOTICE.

**WE** have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

**ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

### VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

**ON** and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

**WM. CRICKSHANK,** Manager.  
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

### NOTICE.

**THE** Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

**C. J. MESTERN,**  
**W. HULSE.**  
Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

**PARTIES** having left some Luggage are requested to take delivery of same as soon as convenient, but not later than the 31st March next. After this Date they will be sold by Auction; the Amount realized will be placed to the credit of their account with the Hotel.

**V. FAVRE,**  
Proprietor, Hotel de l'Univers,  
Hongkong, March 5, 1877. mcl2

### NOTICE.

**THE** Undersigned have this day CLOSED their PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS and ceased to carry on Business. Creditors are requested to send in their Claims for payment not later than the 15th Instant. Those indebted to us will oblige by an early settlement.

**HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO.**  
Hongkong, March 2, 1877. mcl3

**ERNEST WASSALL & Co.,** PHOTOGRAPHERS.

**I** HAVE This Day Established myself as PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO., under the above Style.

**ERNEST WASSALL.**  
Hongkong, March 3, 1877. ap1

### NOTICE.

**NEITHER** Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBOLDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,** Agents.  
Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

## Intimations.

### MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

### ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'s CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One \*, Two \*\*, Three \*\*\*, and Four \*\*\*\*, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

### POMMERY & GRENOS

### "Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints,

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]



### NAVAL CONTRACT, 1877-8.

**SEALED TENDERS**, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon on THURSDAY, the 16th March, 1877, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the year 1877-8, viz.:—  
FRESH BEER  
FRESH VEGETABLES  
RICE  
SUGAR  
TEA  
Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.  
The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

**J. BRENNER,** Storekeeper.  
H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 28, 1877. mcl6

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE** DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th December last, at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1) per share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
**THOMAS JACKSON,** Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

### NOTICE.

**LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.**

**THE** BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,  
**WILLIAM HUNT,** Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

**THE** MARINE INSURANCE Co., 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

**ESTABLISHED 1836.**  
CAPITAL, \$2,000,000 STERLING.  
RESERVE FUND, \$340,000.

**WITH** Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has appointed Mr. A. MOLYER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**ROBERT J. LODGE,** Manager.

**THE** Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class Steamer.

**A. MOLYER,** Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877. mcl7

### EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1878.

**THE** CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the Consulate all information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul,  
**G. BOULOUZE,** Vice-Consul.  
Hongkong, December 15, 1876.

### THE MEDICAL HALL.

37, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
ESTABLISHED 1853.  
THE KOFFER, Proprietor.  
Hongkong, April 23, 1876. ap28

### NAVAL & MILITARY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

**WITH** Kind Permission of H. E. Major-General the Hon. Sir F. COLBORNE, K.C.B., and H. E. the Vice-Admiral RYDE, and under the Patronage of H. E. the Governor Sir ARTHUR KERR, K.C.M.G., C.B., H. E. Vice-Admiral RYDE, and H. E. Major-General the Hon. Sir F. COLBORNE, K.C.B.

The above Sports will be held ON THE CRICKET GROUND, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 9th & 10th March, 1877.

### COMMITTEE.

Commodore G. W. WATSON, President.  
Lt.-Col. C. A. S. DICKIN, Vice-President.  
28th Regt., &c., &c.

### MEMBERS.

Commander A. L. DOUGLAS, R.N.  
H. SALMOND, R.N.  
Lieut. W. S. P. GRAYES, R.N.  
J. E. O. GORDON, R.N.  
F. O. PIKE, R.N.  
Major BURTON, R.N.  
Dep. Comm. BAKER, Commat. Dept.  
K. S. AGAR, Ord. Dept.  
Dr. WILSON, Medical Dept.  
W. BYRNE, Esq.

### PROGRAMME.

- 1.—100 Yards Flat Race.
- 2.—440 Yards Flat Race.
- 3.—880 Yards Flat Race.
- 4.—1 Mile Flat Race, Open to Men of the Garrison.
- 5.—1 Mile Flat Race, Open to Men of the Garrison.
- 6.—1 Mile Flat Race, Open to Sailors and Marines.
- 7.—2 Miles Flat Race.
- 8.—High Jump.
- 9.—Wide Jump.
- 10.—150 Yards Hurdles.—10 Flights.
- 11.—Boys' Race.—220 Yards Flat Race.
- 12.—Veteran Race.—300 Yards Flat Race For Men of 17 Years Service and Over.
- 13.—200 Yards Flat Race.—Heavy Marching Order.—Open to Soldiers and Marines.
- 14.—200 Yards Flat Race.—Heavy Marching Order.—Open to Blue Jackets.
- 15.—Three-Legged Race.
- 16.—Wheel Barrow Race.
- 17.—Water Bucket Race.
- 18.—Throwing the Cricket Ball.
- 19.—Putting the Shot.
- 20.—Throwing the Hammer.
- 21.—Sack Race.
- 22.—Tug of War.
- 23.—301 Yards Flat Race.—Open to Foreign Men of War.
- 24.—Consolation Race.
- 25.—Tug of War.—Open to a Single Team from the Army, Blue Jackets and Marines, and Dock Yard Employes.
- 26.—1 Mile Flat Race.—Open to Officers of the Army and Navy, and Members of the Hongkong and German Clubs.
- 27.—150 Yards Hurdles.—Open to Officers of the Army and Navy, and Members of the Hongkong and German Clubs.

Visitors are particularly requested not to pass under the ropes; a Grand Stand will be erected for their accommodation. The First Race to be started at 1 o'clock punctually.

**R. S. F. WALKER,** 28th Regt., Hon. Secretary.  
**MURRAY BARNACK,** Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1877. mcl0

## For Sale.

### SAYLE & Co.

### GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

**IN** Order to make Room for SPRING GOODS.

On and after MONDAY, February 5th, We shall offer the Remainder of Our WINTER STOCK at an immense reduction.

DRESS GOODS at 15 cents per yard.  
DRESS GOODS at 20 cents per yard.  
DRESS GOODS at 25 cents per yard.  
DRESS GOODS at 30 cents per yard.  
DRESS GOODS at 35 cents per yard.  
FANCY SILKS! We offer about 5,000 yards at 35 cents per yard, (these are more or less soiled); original price \$1.50 and \$2.00 per yard.  
JAPANESE SILKS! Reduced to 40 cents per yard.  
WOOL SHAWLS, MANTLES and JACKETS, Marked very Cheap.  
LADIES' Boys' and Girls' FELT HATS, at Half Price.  
FANCY WOOL GOODS, at less than Half Price.  
LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO HOSE, Greatly reduced.  
100 dozen CHILDREN'S WOOL and MERINO SOCKS, all Sizes, at less than Half Price.  
Several thousand Yards of VARIOUS REMNANTS, comprising: FLANNELS, CALICOES, PRINTS, MUSLINS, STUFF GOODS and Other Useful GOODS, are Marked at Prices, which must effect immediate Sale.

In order to prevent disappointment, We beg to inform Our Customers and the Public that this Extraordinary, and Unprecedented Sale must close on February 28th.

### SAYLE & Co.

### VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

### FOR SALE.

JUST LANDED EX S. S. "Hesperia."

**H. PIPER & Co.** Celebrated CHAMPAGNE, CARTE BLANCHE, CARTE D'OR and CARTE D'UNION in Quarts and Pints.

The well known ORANGE DUPLY & Co.'s BRANDY in Cases of 12 qt. Bottles and a Small Lot of MEDOC CLARET in qt. Bottles.

Apply to **L. L. BUSH.**  
Hongkong, March 7, 1877.

### FOR SALE.

A GREAT VARIETY OF LADIES' NOTE PAPER AND ENVELOPES.

Apply to **ED. CHASTEL,** Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1877. mcl4

### FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to **SIEMSEN & Co.**  
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

### FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE, 1874.

HEIDRICK & Co., MONOPOLE.

DEETJEN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 19, 1877. mcl9

### NOW READY.

### A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT.

A to K, with Introduction. Part I, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D., Tubingen.

Price: TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

### Shipping.

### Steamers.

### FOR COOKTOWN.

The British Steamer "THALES."

Captain COLES, will load here for the above Port, and will leave on FRIDAY, the 9th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **HOP KEE & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 6, 1877. mcl9

### FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.

The Steamship "LEONOR."

Captain M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 11th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAFLAIX & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 5, 1877. mcl1

## Shipping.

### Sailing Vessels.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The 41 American Ship "McNEAR."

W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to **VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

### FOR NEW YORK.

The 12 years 3/3 L. 1.1 Danish Bark "KORSOR."

L. C. GROVE, Master, will load here, and will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to **VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

### FOR LONDON.

The 41 British Ship "STAR OF CHINA."

BLAKER, Master, will load here, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to **MEYER & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

### FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The British Bark "SPIRIT OF THE AGE."

Captain JOHNSON, will have a quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **ROZARIO & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

### FOR YLOILO.

The 41 Spanish Schooner "UNION."

MERIZABENHARRA, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **REMEDIOS & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

### NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

### BRITISH SHIP "HARRY" PARKES, FROM LONDON.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

**MELOCHERS & Co.,** Agents.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1877. mcl0

### GERMAN STEAMER "HESPERIA," JOHANNSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG AND LONDON via SINGAPORE.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary is given until Noon This Day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **WM. PUSTAU & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 5, 1877. mcl2

### FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

**THE** S. S. Penguin having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 7, 1877. mcl4

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**CONSIGNEES** of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**H. DU FOURY,** Agent.  
Ex Am, January 11th, 1877.  
THO No. 1/2, 2 cases Stores.  
GD No. 1, 1 case Paper.  
Ex Tays, February 9th, 1877.  
D R No. 267/270, 14 cases Merchandise.  
N (in diamond), 1 case Paper.  
MD No. 1/2, 2 cases Oil.  
Ex Am, February 22, 1877.  
O & O No. 1, 1 case Mechanism.  
RS No. 150, 1 case Clothing.  
ASW & Co (in diam.), 1 case Perfumery.  
No. 1004, 1 case Hats.  
PF, Hongkong, March 1, 1877.







week have been satisfactory, as they have comprised a good many vessels from the Atlantic ports. Our communication with the Far East during the last week has been small, viz., the barque *Batavia*, Capt. Macleod, to Hong Kong, and there have been no arrivals. The *China* Rangoon, from Hong Kong, has arrived at Bremen. On the berth for the East Indies and China, are the *Batavia*, ss., for Penang, Singapore, &c., to leave on the 15th Feb.; *Peri*, for Penang and Singapore; *Johann*, for Penang, Singapore, &c.; *Vega*, for Hong Kong; and *Bernard*, for Hong Kong.

The Great Northern Telegraph Company announce that their London station has been placed in communication by pneumatic tube with the principal post-office telegraph stations in the city, and that the originals of all messages handed in at these stations are forwarded immediately to the company's station for further transmission. It is also announced that in order to expedite the delivery of messages received from China and Japan by the lines of the company arrangements have been made for a direct delivery by the company's own messengers, so that the messages will not, as heretofore, pass through the post-office.

The Royal Humane Society's Testimonial has been presented to Lieut. J. W. Osborne, of H. M. S. *Arcturion*, for saving Marshal Mannard, of the same ship, who fell overboard at Wessing on the 18th of October last.

**TABLE BAY.**—Arrived, Dec. 22, *Ocean*, from Fochow (via Algoa Bay); 23, *Perry*, from Hong Kong, for London, short of provisions; sailed, 17, *Trine*, for Guam.

## CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Jan. 26, 1877.

The Chinese Embassy appears to be "shaking down," but only by small degrees. I hear that the landlord of the mansion in Portland Place, which has been engaged for His Excellency, does not altogether appreciate the peculiarities of Chinese life, of which evidence has already been given. What can be done in a Yamen, with perfect propriety and the fullest recognition of the exigencies of the *Tao-ti*, may not be exactly fitted for the inside of a house in a fashionable part of London. A day or two ago, I was passing down the street without knowing that the august *Kiao-tai* had taken up his abode there, when I came across some of his Yamen runners hanging about outside the door in the style so familiar to those who have seen the Chinese at home. I spoke to one of them in the Peking dialect, and he entered very readily into conversation, evidently as much pleased as surprised at finding a "foreign devil" turn up so unexpectedly, who was sufficiently enlightened to speak "Mandarin." I talked away for some two or three minutes, just as I would with the Yamen runners we came across when "up country" on a shorting excursion; but I was soon reminded that a foreigner speaking Chinese to a Celestial was not an ordinary thing in London by the formation of a select audience who were beginning to watch the proceedings with open eyes and open mouths. *Chin-lai* said the accommodating runner, and ushered me into the Hall—a plain English hall, not a Chinese *Tang*; where he begged me to be seated in the regular Chinese fashion by which usually about half-an-hour is taken to arrive at one's seat so as not to be a second before your host. The interview did not go beyond a little formal conversation as to the journey of the *Tai-jen*, the magnificence of the steamers and such generalities as are usually indulged in on such occasions; and as I knew one of the Chinese attaches to the Embassy, I left a card for him and took my departure. I must confess it seemed somewhat strange to find all the familiar surroundings of a Chinese residence in the heart of London; and I could not but reflect upon the startling illustration which the Chinese afford of the truth of the proverb, *caelum non animum mutant, qui trans mare currunt*. There were our old friends. After a journey of 15,000 miles, and in place as different from those to which they are used as it is possible to conceive, with precisely the same style and manner and with the same nonchalance as if they were in one of their own dear Chinese cities, with its narrow dirty streets, bawling coolies and savoury smells. I suspect the Embassy will not be over popular unless it adapts itself a little more than it has done as yet to European tastes. It is early yet for complaints to be made on this ground; but I hear that a large number of very well-educated and refined men here—none of your prejudiced and ignorant foreign residents in China, as some are too ready to represent them—are not by any means quite so much inclined to admire His Excellency Kuo as, for example, Sir Thomas Wade or Mr. Hart. It is not yet decided when the Ambassador is to be presented to Her Majesty; but this event will no doubt come off shortly; and I am credibly informed that there is a chance of "Lady Kuo," as she is called here, also being presented to Her Majesty. In writing about this my last letter I ridiculed the idea, as suggested by the "special" of one of the London dailies; but I have since heard from reliable authority that Sir Thomas Wade does not consider that the presentation of the *mei mei* would be out of

order, and, contrary to what is generally understood to be the case, looks upon the position of "wives of the second degree" as perfectly respectable. Sir Thomas Wade ought to know more about this kind of thing than anybody else; but I am very much inclined to believe he is mistaken. I suspect that careful enquiries will be made before any presentation takes place. Any way, however, I cannot help thinking it will be a mistake. The Chinese, left alone, would never expect that "Lady Kuo" would be presented, and the foreign advisers, whoever they may be, who have recommended that step have, to put the matter in the mildest form, at the very least entrenched needlessly upon very delicate ground.

The *Standard* gives a lengthened account of four new gun-boats designed for the Chinese Government; and two of them have already been built by Sir W. Armstrong. They consist in the first place of a type vessel, having each a load displacement of 325 tons, with a draught of 7 feet 6 inches, and carrying each a gun of 27 tons. These two vessels have made the voyage to China in a most satisfactory manner, showing themselves able to cope with some tolerably rough weather. The voyage from Aden to Point de Galle, a distance of 2100 nautical miles, was made without break and with perfect ease, under steam and sail, the vessels reaching Fien-tain by the end of last November. It is observed that these gun-boats made their voyage from England to China with their guns and ammunition all on board, and fully prepared to go into action had occasion required it. The remaining two gun-boats are of peculiarly formidable character. They are twin vessels, and one description will serve for both, as in the former case. The length is 115 feet, with a beam of 30 feet, the draught being 8 feet, and the freeboard about three feet. The load displacement is 430 tons, and the speed under steam nine knots an hour. Each vessel carries 50 tons of coal in her bunkers, besides which she can carry a certain quantity in sacks on deck. The vessels are iron built and have numerous compartments, especially in the forepart, where injury is most likely to occur. The engines are below the water line, and the boilers are nearly so, the latter being further protected by the coal which surrounds them in front and on the sides. The shell-room and the magazine are entirely below the waterline, and are protected from splinters by a horizontal bulkhead. The engines are surface-condensing, and are highly expanded in their principle of working. The economy of fuel is considerable, so that under ordinary circumstances of weather these vessels could make 1500 miles under steam alone. But they are armed with two tripods, each being fitted with two tripods, and each limb of the tripod being tubular, and the topmost when the latter is lowered. The steam propulsion is by twin screws, and the foregoing method of masting provides for a minimum of rigging so as to diminish the risk of the screw-propellers being fouled in action by fallen cordage.

It is evident that the Chinese are at present, thanks to the valuable foreign assistance they are able to command in so many directions, thoroughly acquainted with the best ways of obtaining efficient gun-boats and munitions of war. I should think there is some little art in bringing these new gun-boats before the notice of the public just at the time when the Chinese Ambassador is about to settle his negotiation at the Foreign Office. At all events, the coincidence is worthy of note.

## Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrate Sitting.)

March 8, 1877.

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

George Batten, a private H. M. 28th Regiment, No. 657, was again brought up for having robbed a Chinese shopkeeper of \$2 at Shun-shui-pa in Chinese territory on the 4th inst. The prisoner was committed for trial, after having been duly cautioned. He reserved his defence.

## ANOTHER HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

James Barnard, a private H. M. 28th Regiment, No. 591, was again brought up for having robbed a collector of insects of some cash and two cases of insects, and for having assaulted another man with intent to rob him. The Magistrate intimated to him that he would commit the case for trial, and after the usual caution, the prisoner stated that he was walking along by himself about 1 past 2 o'clock on the 4th. He saw nine soldiers come down by a road. One of them had a helmet. Prisoner met Private Shun-shui-pa and he asked him to give him a light. He did so. The man said, "I am going a different way," and went his way, while prisoner turned off from the Camp, passing the Police Station, when the Police Inspector called him back, he asked him how far he had been, and whether he had been near the Black Rock. Prisoner replied that he had not, and did not know where it was. The Chinaman then said he was the man, and the Inspector took him into custody. Private Shun-shui-pa was then called. He said he saw Barnard at 2.30 p.m. on the 4th, about half a mile on the Kowloon side of Yowmahee. They were together about two minutes, and he gave witness a light for his pipe. They then parted, and witness left to go to the Camp. Witness saw about eleven soldiers half-a-mile off at the same time. Three of them had helmets on. The prisoner was then formally committed for trial.

## STAIR-HIRE.

John Crick, a steward unemployed, was charged with being drunk and refusing to pay chair-hire. The Hon. O. May fined him \$1 and ordered him to pay 20 cents chair-hire. The defendant was identified as having been convicted of a similar offence on the 6th.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Wong Ahong and U-doo, coolies employed at Messrs Spratt &amp; Co.'s yard, were charged by Mr. J. M. Emanuel with having in their possession several small pieces of old wood. Fined 60 cents each.

## CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

Ohin Aken, a boiler-maker, was brought up for remand for having broken the arm of Mak A-kwan, No. 1 boiler-maker at the Novelty Iron Works. More conflicting evidence was taken, each side adhering to its own theory of the affair. The prosecution maintained that the attack on the complainant was deliberate, and the defence

asserted that the complainant attacked the defendant with an iron hammer, who then struck him with an iron in self-defence. Mr. Russell fined the defendant \$50, in default three months' hard labour, and to be imprisoned for one month. He was also to pay \$25, arrears, or one month's imprisonment. Mr. Holmes appeared for the prosecution and Mr. D. E. Caldwell for the defence.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times.)

## EUROPEAN NEWS.

Constantinople, Feb. 6.—The negotiations for peace which were entered into by Midhat Pasha, between the Turks and Servians, have been suspended. The direct cause of Midhat Pasha's fall is unknown. Meanwhile, he has been banished.

London, Feb. 9.—In the Lords last night, Lord Granville urged the united action of the European Powers in coercing the Porto to accept the proposals made by the Conference. The Duke of Argyll and the Marquis of Hartington accused the Government with changing its policy.

London, Feb. 10.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Stafford Northcote explained that the omission of any allusion in the Queen's Speech, to the late disastrous Cyclone in Bengal was due to the absence of Lord Salisbury from London.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The Russian Press considers it would be needless for Russia to wage war against Turkey, whose fall will be quicker through internal anarchy than from any foreign attack.

London, Feb. 12.—Liberal organs commenting upon a Blue Book on the Eastern Question, approve of the attitude of Government during the Conference; but attack it for not stopping short of a policy of coercion, whereby it could prevent the isolated action of Russia. The Times in an article on the Eastern Question says that the country will go with Lord Derby in his policy.

Constantinople, Feb. 12.—Peace negotiations between Turkey and Servia have been resumed, the Turks having withdrawn their demand for Brindisi, and in reply to an English ultimatum, said he attributed his exile to Russian intrigue.

London, Feb. 13.—In the House of Commons Mr. Gladstone gave notice that on Friday next he would bring forward a motion asking how Government understands treaty engagements, in view of the despatch sent by Lord Derby to Sir H. Elliot on the 8th of August last, stating that in case Russia declared war against Turkey, England could not defend her.

London, Feb. 14.—In the House of Commons last night, Mr. Fawcett brought forward a motion for the reappointment of the Committee of Enquiry on the Finances of India. A lengthy debate followed, and the motion was finally rejected by 173 against 123 votes. The motion of Mr. Smollett, calling upon the Supreme Government to stop public works involving loans, and to put an end to the distinction between ordinary and extraordinary expenses, was also rejected.

London, Feb. 15.—The Khedive has appointed Gordon Pasha Governor of Sudan.

Aden, Feb. 14.—The *Ventia*, with outward English mails of the 2nd instant, left here for Bombay at 8 o'clock this evening, and the *Poonah* for Galle and Calcutta at one this afternoon. (Due at Galle early on Friday morning, the 23rd instant.—E. C. O.)

London, Feb. 15.—Homeward French mail per *Sindh* (Hongkong 11th January) delivered this day. Passed Canada, Home wards *Sindh* and London. Outwards *Onfordshire*.

London, Feb. 16.—In the House of Commons Mr. Sturges, replying to Sir R. Northcote, said that the Sultan of Zanzibar had fulfilled his engagements entered into in a treaty for the suppression of the slave trade.

Constantinople, Feb. 15.—The Porte having refused to negotiate with Prince Nikita at Vienna, he has proposed Cattaro, which place the Porte has also declined, and the latter now proposes Herzegovina or Soutari.

London, Feb. 26.—Terms have been arranged between the Governments of Turkey and Servia.

The rumours that the crossing of the Pruth by a Russian Army was imminent, are denied at St. Petersburg, and it is stated that the measures taken by Russia are entirely defensive.

Hayes has been returned for Oregon.

## INDIAN NEWS.

Calcutta, Jan. 31.—The Government of India have deprecated the continuance of efforts in Madras to relieve distress by resorting to private benevolence. They apprehend that the consequence must be the diversion of their ordinary means of maintenance. There was heavy rain and thunderstorm here last night. The temperature is unusually high, and crops are in magnificent condition everywhere.

The railway in Gujarat with grain. *Allahabad*, Feb. 1.—It is said that grain carts were actually loaded last October for the admission of natives to the higher executive posts, but that very shortly before the Imperial Assembly, these were suddenly modified, so suddenly that the portion sent to the press before Sir Richard Temple went to the Assembly actually treated of the admission of natives to the same posts as an accomplished fact.

Bombay, Feb. 2.—A Hindu official has been appointed to a compensated post.

Bombay, Feb. 6.—The famine report for the week ending 31st shows 30,000 fewer employed on account of the defective sowing. Expenditure over twenty lakhs. Prices rather lower.

*Allahabad*, Feb. 8.—Roberts played yesterday at the *Allahabad Club* giving a polo el Drayson 600 in 1.0.0, and being beaten by more than a hundred.

Lahore, Feb. 9.—The Conference at Peshawar continues and sat on Monday for six hours discussing preliminaries.

Bombay, Feb. 9.—The difficulties on the famine relief works threaten. The Bombay railway earthworks have been suspended.

Calcutta, Feb. 8.—There have been heavy storms throughout Bengal and in Calcutta during the last three days. Many cargo boats have been lost in the river highly

at Goalundo much rice has been damped.

A ferry steamer sank near *Allahabad*. Bombay, Feb. 9.—The weather has slightly damaged the cotton crop, and causes the export season to be late and short. More irrigation works have been projected, but all are insufficient for the probable necessities in April.

*Calcutta*, Feb. 10.—The number on relief works in Madras for the week ended the 8th instant decreased thirty-two thousand. The decrease occurred in Cuddapah, Bellary, Coimbatore and Tinnevely. There was an increase in Kurnool, Chingleput, Salem, Nellore and Madras. The number on relief works in Mysore is forty-one thousand. There is no material change in the districts.

## JAVA.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

The following items of intelligence are translated from Java papers down to the 15th instant:—

Batavia, 24th January.—Captain Reynolds of the American (not Siamese) barque *Lucie*, navigating between Batavia and Bangkok, suspected of ill-treating a cardriver, was yesterday brought into the House of Detention. A fourth witness of the ill-treatment has been traced out by the police. The wound on the card-driver's head is an inch broad and extends across the whole skull. Reynolds continues to deny having struck the man with an iron pin. He states that he merely gave him a push or a kick, whereupon the man fell, and indicated upon himself the wounding by means of an anchor that lay casually in the way. In any case he considers it strange that in this country, a European should get into trouble or be even imprisoned for such an affair.

The card-driver who was wounded in such a manner on the head with a piece of iron by the captain of the schooner *Elise*, that his life was despatched at first, is now wholly recovered. We understand that the said captain will be tried next week.

*Java Bode*, 15th inst.

The collision between the steamers *Willelm Kroonprins der Nederlanden*, Hagers, and the *Alph*, Van de Grel, on the 8th November 1876, when the former was on a voyage from Singapore to Batavia and the latter from Batavia to Singapore, whereby the first named steamer was sunk and several persons were drowned, has resulted in the two Captains being tried at Batavia for manslaughter with respect to the drowned persons. The *Batavia Dagblad* of the 15th Feb., thus notices the case:—

"The captains of the *Willelm Kroonprins der Nederlanden* and *Alph* which came into collision on the 8th Nov. 1876 whereby three Chinese were drowned have been on their trial before the Court of Justice here since the day before yesterday. The reports of experts put both in the wrong, but the Captain of the former vessel more than that of the latter. To-day the arguments of counsel were heard. It is generally reported that the actual drowning of the three missing persons will probably be furnished with difficulty."

Regarding the E. Coast of Sumatra the following intelligence has been made public:—

"The judicial inquiry by a commission sent from Batavia into the ill treatment of coolies laid to the charge of two Europeans has ended; against one of the two, no witnesses for the prosecution could be found on the spot. During the inquiry charges of a similar nature were made against three others. Several capitalists interested in East Sumatra tobacco estates have formed themselves into a committee in order to bring forward and further their interests and those of the planters with the Government, both in Netherlands India and the mother country."

Mr. P. J. van Hemert is counsel for the committee. An address to the Governor General has already been drawn up and sent to Deli for the signatures of those interested, in which there is urged a better regulation of the relations between employer and employed."

Batavia *Dagblad*, 15th Feb.

"A telegram from the controller of Langkat received at Pinang on the 10th instant runs as follows:—With a tobacco planter murdered on the 6th instant by Chinese coolies in a Chinese coolie-shed, on his estate on the upper Batang Serangan, 8 hours rowing above Tanjong Pura. On 6th instant inquiry held on the spot: murderer arrested, and has confessed; 25 Chinese, his probable accomplices, taken up. Causes—bad quality of the coolies along with imprudence on the part of the murdered planter—Occurrences is isolated."

*Java Bode*, 15th Feb.

## THE CHINESE EMBASSY.

As may be imagined, considerable sensation was caused in Southampton by the arrival of the Chinese Embassy, which took place on Sunday, the 21st inst. Before the magnificent steamer *Peshawar*, one of the finest of the P. and O. Company's fleet, had come alongside of her moorings at the Dock; a vast crowd had assembled to witness the expected landing of those who to so many were interesting strangers from afar. To persons who are familiar with China and the Chinese the intense curiosity of the mass of people here seems very strange; but still, when the difference of dress, manner, and appearance are taken into consideration, it is scarcely surprising that they should attract attention. His Excellency Kuo had decided not to land until the steamer came alongside, although many of his fellow-passengers came ashore in the *Lady of the Lake*.

The numerous suite of the Ambassador landing, some in the business-like style which attaches to the Chinaman who has already been abroad and seen something of the world, some with their eyes in all directions, and evidently quite unfamiliar with the foreign surroundings in which they found themselves placed; others, again, with the pedantic *tsung-tung* which distinguishes the well-bred Chinaman even more than the well-bred Frenchman or Englishman—were the subject of remarks both numerous and humorous on the part of the crowd.

If some of the observations made were not perfectly complimentary they were all friendly and good-natured; and if a crowd forms any indication of what public opinion is likely to be by the Ambassador's landing, the landing was a success of a very imposing character, and was in fact merely an official recognition that the Chinese were looked for.

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was present from the Foreign-office, and Captain Gillson, the Superintendent of the P. and O. Company at Southampton, and Mr. J. W. Dyson and Mr. P. Hedger, as representing the Southampton Dock and the London and South-Western Railway Companies, also "assisted." The steamer *Peshawar* was delayed in consequence of an accident. She had been telegraphed from Hurst Castle at two o'clock in the morning, and would have arrived in due course about three hours afterwards; but in the dense fog prevailing she about three o'clock grounded on the Brambles, and remained there till the next high water at two o'clock in the afternoon, and it was consequently getting towards dusk when the Ambassador and his party landed. The Embassy did not make any stay at Southampton, but left at once for London in a special train provided by the South Western Railway Company, and consisting of five saloon carriages. For the convenience of the party it was run into the dock alongside the steamer, and must have impressed the Chinese Ambassador and his friends with at least some of the conveniences of railway travelling. The train left for London at ten minutes past five in the evening.

The "Special" of the *Standard* gives the following description of the "feminine element" of the Embassy:—

We had understood previously that the Chief Envoy had brought two wives with him, but this is not the case, only one of the ladies claims the title of *Lady Kwoh*. We had the honour of being introduced to her, and were rewarded by a charming smile for our salutation. She appears to be in the prime of womanhood, with most pleasing features of the Mongolian type, and an exquisite complexion, cosmetics notwithstanding. Her hands are small and finely shaped, with taper fingers, only some of them are spoilt by having very long nails. This is to show her high breeding, that she cannot dress herself or adorn her hair. Hence she has two ladies' maids, who, although not fourteen years of age, are skilful in doing up back hair and other feminine accomplishments of the *coiffure*. The manner this was done appeared elegant, in the disposition of the jewels which adorned her head, and the glittering earrings, which we shall not attempt to describe. Suffice it to say that the style is that one adopted in North China, which differs from the South in that part of woman's attire, and consists of a broad band of velvet over the forehead, set with gems. The effect is very pretty, and serves for a bonnet to keep the head firm in cold weather. Then the bootkins which covered her "golden lilies," as ladies' feet are called in the flowery language of China, are superbly embroidered with gold, which contrasted exquisitely with the rich tints of the silk and satin drapery in the loose robes above, and the unmentionables below. We should say that her first appearance at Court, or elsewhere, will create a pleasing sensation. Her companion is an elderly lady, who acts in the capacity of a duenna, and the two maids are slave girls, trained up to the business from their childhood, and assist their mistress in her musical accomplishments. As the four rose up to take their departure from the ship, some of the charm was gone on seeing Lady Kwoh walk out of the cabin, for the small feet do not add to the graceful movements of the body, and of course no Chinese lady dances.—*L. & C. Express*.

## APPROPOS OF OPERA.

Byron somewhere tells a story of an unsophisticated country mayor who, on being taken by a London cousin to see a grand performance at the Italian Opera House, summarily gave her estimate of the whole thing in these words:—"Eet your Italianos! For my part, what I likes best is a simple ballad."

There are good grounds for suspecting that no considerable proportion of any party of average Englishmen and Englishwomen, assembled in a parlor on an evening of amusement, would, if they spoke candidly, express their private estimate of the Italian lyrical drama in terms equivalent to those of the honest Birmingham mayor.

A competent authority—the Rev. Mr. Haver, in his very pleasant book on "Music and Morals"—roundly asserts that the English are not a musical people. Music in England, he says, "has always been an exotic, and whenever the exotic seed has escaped and grown wild on English soil, the result has not been a stable and continuous growth. The music of the few great English composers is not music that the people care for. The music of the people always was, and still is, ballads. The Italian music is no more suited to their simple tastes than carmine is to their palates. They have an uneasy impression on their minds that the display is grounded in grotesque, forced, and not singing, their feelings, nor warble their sentiments, nor chant their desires in measured recitative. They managed things differently in ancient Greece. With those finely-cultured Hellenes art was a second nature. They loved music in the very souls of them. They, like the opera people, sang always and everywhere. Hear old Pindar on the point:—"Music was the universal language of Greece; the sacred vehicle of history, philosophy, laws, and morals." Even the debates in the Agora were conducted in measured chant; and the story goes that the great statesman and warrior, Epaminondas, once charmed to silence an angry Opposition by giving them a delightful air on his citharis—the original of the modern guitar.

Not many Englishmen, and still fewer Englishwomen even though they be of the cultivated class and lovers of music, ever quite surmount this haunting sense of unreality and grotesqueness in Italian opera. "Can anything be more absurd than to hear a couple of fellows challenging each other to fight by singing stanzas one another, and expressing their mutual hatred in a concerted duet, or men and women making love in tender solos, and declaring a general reconciliation in a grand chorus?"

The matter-of-fact objection to its radical absurdity is as old as opera itself. When the Italian singers first went to England, all the wits of the day assailed them, and their art with most merciless ridicule. Even the gentle and cultured Addison joined in the pleasant diversion of quizzing the foreigners. Swift assailed them with some of his most savage epigrams. Howe (who wrote "Jade Statue") launches a satire against them which not all the town laughing, but which the fastidiousness of modern manners would not allow to be quoted. The French authors of light comedy and vaudeville similarly indulged their sarcastic genius in sallies against the foreign importation.

One of them, Panard by name, has left a

mocking song which still finds a place in French collections of *chansons comiques*, and is certainly very diverting. Here is a sample of its quality in a free translation:—

I've seen a wretched lowly elf  
Without cringing any fright;  
Transfix himself, and then not die,  
But coolly sing an air in D.

I've seen a herald sound alarm  
Without cringing any fright;  
Have seen an army sing "To arms!"  
For half-an-hour, but never fight.

I've seen a maid despond in A,  
Fly the perfidious one in B,  
Come back to sing her wedding day,  
And perish in a minor key.

I've seen the realms of bliss eternal  
(The songs accompanied by harp);  
I've seen the pit of pains infernal,  
With demons shouting in six sharps!

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 8, 1877.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$555  
" New Benares, cash, 542  
" New Malwa, cash, 555  
" Allowance Tels, 24 a 40  
" Old Malwa, cash, 580  
" Allowance Tels, 24 a 32  
CAMPOR.—... 15 a 15  
QUICKSILVER.—... 62 a 68  
SALTPETRE.—... 6.60 a 6.10

## Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 401  
" 30 days' sight, ... 403  
" 6 months' sight, ... 411  
Credits, ... 412  
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 412  
Bombay, ... 224  
Calcutta, ... 224  
Shanghai, 30 days, ... 781  
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. 2, ... 81 prem.  
Mexican, ... 1  
Gold Loan, ... 26.50  
English Sovereigns, ... 4.92  
Australian Sovereigns, ... 4.93  
Discount, ... 7 a 10 1/2

## Shares.

H. K. Bank, 24 ex div.  
H. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$25 ex div.  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$154 ex div.  
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1825  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$20  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$205  
North China Ins. Co., \$11.875  
Yangtze Ins. Association, \$11.610  
H. K. & M. S. Boat Co., \$14 dis.  
Shanghai Steam N. Co., \$11.875  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$524 dis.  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$30

## Temperatures.

(Taken at Messrs Faison &amp; Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, March 8, 1877.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. ... 30.165  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 30.086  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 30.060  
THERMOMETER—4 A.M. ... 68  
Do. 1 P.M. ... 68  
Do. 4 P.M. ... 68  
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... 65  
Do. Do. 1 P.M. ... 67  
Do. Do. 4 P.M. ... 67  
Do. Maximum ... 69  
Do. Minimum over night ... 63

## Shipping Intelligence.

## HOME SHIPPING.

The followings corrected from the latest London Papers:—

## DEPARTURES.

Sept. 17, Palestine, from London to Hongkong.  
Oct. 5, Vega, from Hamburg to Chefoo.  
Nov. 12, Lima, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 13, Rurik, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 16, Hydra, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 17, Eliza Shaw, from London to Shanghai.  
Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 4, Benolutha, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.  
Dec. 17, Caricks, from London to Hongkong.  
Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong.  
Dec. 20, Chinamp, from London to Hongkong.  
Dec. 22, Soppie, from New York to Hongkong.  
Dec. 23, Ino, from Greenock to Swatow.  
Dec. 23, John Nicholson, from New York to Shanghai.  
Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghai.  
Dec. 27, Ulysses (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai, (at Singapore, repairing).  
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AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matched, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

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For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

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THE Underigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

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GILMAN & Co.,

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

His Majesty King George The First,

A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

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Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, July 23, 1873.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, January 8, 1873.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

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## STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship TRAVANCORE, Captain BARRETT, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 15th March, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877. mcl5

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## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer ALASKA, will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 20th March, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 19th March. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. mcl20

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

## TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

## IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

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Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 1st Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent on regular rates.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 3, 1877. ap2

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The above are some of the Agencies; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express couriers who carry the official despatches and Feking Gazette, to distribute the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

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For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. O. PRESGRAVE, Municipal Secretary.

Penang, Municipal Office, The 21st September, 1876.

## NOTICE.

## THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of TWICE a week as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the China Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.

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Ma CHUN AYIN, Manager.

China Mail Office, 17th February, 1874.

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Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

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Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

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CHUN AYIN, Manager.

Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES.

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.

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Patent Highest Lowest Cash Cash.

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